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Gamestart

Opening Guns

Here I am again - finally recovering from my vacation and dropping back into the normal swing of things.

Obviously, this isn't a mid-month JIHAD. The Mercator game that would ordinarily have required a PAX wound up on the shelf for two weeks (for reasons explained in the adjudication), and I frankly wasn't up to putting out anything without that deadline pushing me. Therefore, this issue is somewhat larger than normal to make it up.

I mentioned "recovering" from vacation above. That's a good word for it. Not that it wasn't fun - and extremely worthwhile from an instructional and an interpersonal standpoint - but it also qualified as hectic.

The CAP National Staff College had two separate and distinct curricula: one was the program of instruction in leadership, management, communication skills and international affairs that our faculty had laid out, while the other was a practicum in coping.

Coping? Yes, but with what? Well...try Greyhound losing your luggage for three days, with your clothing supply cut to a single uniform and no ordinary clothes. Or carry on the social objectives of the College beyond the staff's wildest dreams - at the Officer's Club or a local restaurant until closing - while reconciling it with 0725 classes and 0630 breakfast.

THEN throw in self-locking doors on your rooms, which you become familiar with AFTER you head down to the community latrine. Mix well with little lunacies (injokes, banner construction, etc.) done in the name of seminar unity. Season with a 6 AM departure following an important post-graduation "dinner date" the night before, and you begin to get the picture. I had a ball.

I believe that I came away from the course as a more capable officer, and may well find that my outside management skills will improve, too. I also met a whole lot of people that I'd like to keep in touch with - some of them are getting copies of this and wondering what's going on - in sum, I'm glad I went.

NOW, imagine (after two bus rides, a short car hop and a plane trip spanning nearly 15 hours total) getting to the downtown bus station and being met with "Hurry up, the Diplomacy game back at the Belcrest is waiting on you to get started! Oh, by the way, you're working tonight at 11." It was 9:17 p.m. then.

Such was my introduction to BelCon I, our little party at the Belcrest Apt. Hotel (where I work) hosting John Caruso, Kathy Byrne, et al. on their vacation. I drew Italy (curses!), was introduced to the business end of Ms. Byrne's knife, played by telephone after I went downstairs to work, and wound up with a 3 center finish conceding a draw to F/R (Byrne and Caruso, wouldn't you know).

I believe that the rest of the clan is writing up BelCon in more detail in FWO, so I shan't go into too much more detail. However, I thank all you locals who showed up - Alan, Richard and Jean, Dave, Debbie, Ben, Marion (glad you're better!), Dave P and Sue (especially Sue; it broke my heart when I found out I'd missed you and Dave, but that's life). You helped make it a great - if exhausting - party.

As for YOU, John and Kathy, I'll just have to get to a ByrneCon some time and avenge my two Dip losses. And yes, Phyllis, you're welcome to come back and sit on my lap anytime--EXCEPT when I'm playing Gunboat!

Enough of this prattle. We press onward yet again...

Hobby Census - Contrary to certain published reports, the Census is NOT available, nor will it be soon. A theft of my briefcase, records and all, has ensured that. (By the way, Fred had no way of knowing, fellow Ms...) I expect to publish my plans for reconstructing (Boy, do I hate the thought of all that repeat work) the Census in the next JIHAD. A few of you will find your checks returned herein.

I hear tell that Marion Bates' condition has stabilized, and that Plague Times #7 will be out soon. That's good news - esp. for Black Plague Dippy fans...

Game Openings, though few at present, are still available in:

Regular-Diplomacy-(SIX-week-deadline)--Bagwell,-Bewen,-Porteny,-Pearson,-Bragg,-McDonald-in-one-slot-left---\$5-fee. FILLED

Bourse (SIX week deadline): Marsden, Anderson, Brown, Crane, Luedi, Carlson. Any number may play - \$2.50 fee.

Anarchy: New opening - the last new opening this year. This is a 34 (!!) player Diplomacy variant; each starts with just one supply center, and players may build in any open center they own.

Luedi has already registered. NO FEE; just keep up your sub.

By the way - don't worry about writing 33 other players. If you don't concentrate on 5 or 6 players nearby, you won't need to sweat the other 25 or so. It's easy to die quickly...

Standby Lists (not necessarily in order of call)

Diplomacy: Verheiden, Steagall, Puentes, Slaughter, Bragg, Mercer, Kelly, Crane, Chisholm, D'Alessandro, Larzelere, Palter, Wilson.

Variants: (not all stand by for all variants) Mercer, Carlson, Wilson, Bragg, Chisholm, Davies-Morris.

Machiavelli: Palter, Davies-Morris.

A Mighty Fortress: Crane, Puentes, Henry?.

Mensa #15

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Another restricted-entry game begins with the following lineup:

Austria: Larry McCloud, 1169 S Country Club Dr, Schenectady, NY 12309

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France: J.R. Douglas, 25 Cannon Dr, Elk River, MN 55330

Germany: Dan R. Wilson, B-2-3-11, 268955, Wynne Unit, Huntsville, TX 77340

Italy: H.D. Bassett, Rt 3, Lake Rd, Newtown, CT 06470

Russia: Ronald J. Brown, RR #1 Brennan's Hill, Low, Quebec JOX 2C0, CANADA

Turkey: Lynn Cicotte, 26477 Basswood, Palos Verdes, CA 90274

Houserules are enclosed (and financial information for some of you who are new to the JIHAD family).

Deadline for Spring 1901 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Monday, September 28, 1981. Good luck.

JIHAD Publisher Takes Over Mensa Diplomacy Group

That's right. As of October 1st, I will assume the position as Chairman of the Postal Diplomacy Special Interest Group of American Mensa, taking over from group founder (and 7-year chairman) Fred Davis.

The Postal Diplomacy SIG is dedicated to exposing members of Mensa to the Diplomacy hobby - including setting up all-Mensa games and publishing a newsletter, Diplomag, containing hobby news and information tailored to the needs of our membership.

Concurrently with the above change, Ronald (Quebec) Brown, another JIHAD subscriber and publisher of the zine Snafu!, will take over as editor and publisher of Diplomag.

Mensa is an international society for persons who are among the top two percent in intelligence. There are no other qualifications for membership - except dues payment - and the organization is thus a very diverse and interesting one. The Diplomacy group is just one of 200 or so under American Mensa - with groups in a huge variety of interest areas.

Fred, Ron and I would all be willing to answer any questions you may have, if you're interested. (I'll throw in a side comment now - the 98th percentile of intelligence is roughly equivalent to an ACT composite score of 29 or a combined SAT score of 1250-1300. More of you qualify than you might think...)

PAX

PAX #3.....September, 1981

PAX is a subzine of the amateur publication JIHAD,
and is edited and published by JIHAD publisher
Glenn Overby 8 times annually.

PAX is concerned with the running of worldwide
games of Diplomacy and its variants by post.

Here we are, folks - about 15 days late, but here nonetheless.

I returned from my southern excursion on August 9th, to find a card from Japanese standby Victor Ricci saying, in effect, "Surprise! I didn't get my rules and maps yet!"

I immediately shipped out another set, along with a note asking for orders ASAP. This way I hoped to put out PAX with JIHAD, as I'm doing, thus delaying things as little as possible.

He didn't get the second set, either. I talked with him by phone about the situation, and he stated that he would accept orders submitted on his behalf by a qualified outsider, in order that an already slow game not be further delayed.

Thanks to Victor's position in this situation, we have results below.
(One of my variant playtesters - who worked on the development of Woolworth and North America: 2020 - put together a set of orders per Victor's suggestion.)

And so, without further ado...

1981 Igp09 (Mercator III)

February, 1890
March, 1890

Six Countries Lose Home Centers. Sultan Takes A Nap...

Argentina (John Marsden): A ata-IQU; F crs-TAH; F bue-URU.

Austria (Dan Wilson): A CLU-rum; A GAL s a clu-rum; A TRI holds;
F alb-GRE; A SER s f alb-gre.

Brazil (Tom Monaghan): a ama boards f car, a/F car-HAT, A hat dis NEY;
A BOG holds.

China (Debbie Osborne): A man-OMO; F SCS f/f a can-for; A can-FOR;
f yel-MAN.

England (Peter McDonald): a edi boards f nth, a/F nth-ENG,
A eng dis BRE; F roc-ICE; F nwg-NOR; F joh-THA(ec).

France (Steven Davies-Morris): F sai-CAM; F bis-CCO; F spa(sc)-POR;
A mar-SPA; A PIC-bel.

Germany (Fred Winter): F den-SWE; F ghs-MDG; A kie-HOL; A RUH-bel;
A PRU s a sil-war; A sil-WAR.

India (Tom Butcher): a clc boards f bob, a/F bob-AND, A and dis JOH;
A BMA holds; F eio-SYD.

Italy (David Anderson): F ion-CRO; A VEN holds; F goa-YEM;
a gen boards f tys, a/F tys-BOT, A bot dis LIB.

Japan (Victor Ricci): F ECS f/f a kob-phi; A kob-PHI; F CPO s f ecs;
F npo-KAR.

Russia (Don Del Grande): A IRA holds; A TUR s a ira; A CAU-arm;
F SEV s a ukr-rum; A UKR-rum; A MOS-war; F gob-LVN; F KOR holds.

Turkey (Dan Palter): N.M.R. A BUL, F ANK, A ARM, A BAG, F AEG hold.

U.S.A. (Keith Mercer): F hat-CUB; A mex-PAN; A chi-VAN; F cha-HAW.

Supply Center Chart and March 1890 Adjustments

Argentina bue san tuo tah uru iqu (6) build F BUE, A MEN, A ATA

Austria ~~vie~~ bud tri clu gre ser (6) build A BUD

Brazil rec rio ~~bog~~ ney (4) build F REC

China can shg pek han man omo for (7) build A PEK, A HAN, F CAN
 England lon edi uls ~~lpl~~ nor tha ice bre (8) build A LON, F EDI, F PLY
 France mar ~~par~~ lyo sai spa por cam (7) build A PAR, A LYO
 Germany* kie tan ber pos mun hol swe mdg war (9) build A POS, A TAN,
 A MUN, F KIE
 India cey mdr clc del bma syd joh (7) build F CEY, F MDR, A CLC
 Italy nap gen mog ven rom yem cro (7) build A MOG, F NAP
 Japan tok kob osa nii kar phi (6) build F OSA, A FUJ
 Russia* stp sev vla mos ~~was~~ oms cau ira kor (8) build A STP
 Turkey ank smy con ada bag bul (6) NBR, plays 1 short
 U.S.A. ~~clf~~ kan tex haw van cub (6) build F TEX, plays 1 short
 *indicates country entitled to 1 unit over SC count until Sept. 1890.
 Neutral bel den rum mor egypt nig saf vtm snk bor jav pth wel ale
 azo que gui lim tun ben

Will Jim Bragg, 1509 N 8th St, Martins Ferry, OH 43935, USA please stand by for the Turkish position?

Deadline for April 1890 move orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT (GMT-4h) on Monday, October 12, 1981. Press follows.

Hazel Park - Check the Address List elsewhere this issue for current addresses of all players. In particular, John Marsden's moved.

Hazel Park Again - We'll lead off the press with the conclusion of the Tsar's address from PAX #2...

Moscow (continued) - Turning to England, the Tsar couldn't see anything because there is a wall in the way. There may be some fighting on the Scandinavian front (I KNEW there was somebody I had forgotten to write to!), but this is not very likely as it would involve Russian forces in a three-front war, and two-front wars are bad enough, at least according to the same guys that said the Allies were favored in WAR AT SEA. (I think Playboy should stick to pictures and sports predictions - I wonder how they can be so accurate - maybe it's those cheerleaders...)

The French commander hasn't been seen in these circles lately, so there hasn't been much word about him, but anybody from California can't be all bad. Then again, I forgot about Jack Masters. Before continuing, the Tsar took another deep breath.

At least there's SOME winter in this game, even if he is the Kaiser. It looks like the extra units could spell the difference between a lasting alliance and an all-out war. I've seen this guy's picture in RETALIATION - he looks a lot like I do.

Good news from Japan: mail only takes 4 days to get here from there, if you happen to live on the west coast over here like I do. There hasn't been any word lately about the actions between these two characters, but at least they're not from Canada, whatever that's supposed to mean.

Speaking of Japan, it looks like the next HOBBY QUEEN ((I didn't call Jack as a standby--Ed.)) is taking command of the Samuraiforce, featuring the John Belushi division. BANZAI and all that, but remember your armies aren't worth the yen they're paid with unless you've got fleet strength. Watch out for the trout - Japan is the new trout capital of the Entity of Possible Existence (this includes any and all universes plus black holes and other things like that).

I almost skipped Italy. That's the second person from Detroit! Are there a lot of Tigers fans, and, for that matter, Lions fans, that enjoy this game? If they do as well as the teams have done, then that's two less countries (er, two FEWER countries) that have to be worried about.

Turkey, while it still exists, is ruled by - well, what can be said about somebody who works for West End? I can't seem to recall WEG having anything lately on the game shelves. Don't worry - when we get through, you'll have a little extra time to work on it.

Finally (there was a slight pause here to allow for the cheers), there was the US leader, who was described as a "press monger" along with his six friends (?) in 1981 C, and that all attempts would be made to outpress these guys. You can't keep a good press writer down, you know. (see next page)

At least you know now.

Immediately after the speech, the Tsar decided to give the troops a last-minute pep talk, which went something like: "Alright, youse guys, let's get out there an' loot'n' pillage up a storm, see? And right after that, show these 81C types we means business!"

Inner Mongolia - The Gobi desert training site currently is teaching snow and desert tactics to the Wilderness Survival students. Only one - Mao Food - was lost. He was later discovered fasting with General I Sa Fool in Outer Mongolia. The Dowager Empress has decided that the Mongols are also of Chinese extraction and therefore welcome in China.

Admiral Mei Too, however, also proceeded to get lost. Ordered home to explain the sinking of two cadet training vessels, the Admiral instead managed to reach Indochina. The surviving cadets were granted leave in Saigon, but were hurriedly collected and returned to the hills of their native Formosa. It seems their mothers were going to throw rotten eggs at the Admiral, and he promised to rebuild the Formosan Fishing Fleet if they didn't.

Argentina to Brazil - This is a stab. I'm sorry, but you've upset my friend Keith.

T.D.C. - Having been tried, convicted, and sentenced for a "white collar" crime, Prince Danr of Hungary has outlawed all white collars in Austria-Hungary. Kaiser Von Himpldorking reluctantly agreed to the degree, grumbling that blue collars do not go well with his full-dress uniform.

USA to Brazil - You brought this about yourself so don't start complaining to everyone how nasty I am to you. I still can't believe you'd think I'd allow you so close to my home centers. To war we go.

Brazil to USA - Surprise!!!

Hazel Park - This looks like fun. I'm glad I'm not playing...

Russia to GM - I see Eon came out with more Aliens for Cosmic Encounter.

I also heard the word from Jack Masters - Roma is on indefinite delay. Speaking of Masters, I noticed that the pictures of Jacquie don't match Jack at all - besides, under Supreme Judicial City-State law (don't mess around with the all-powerful Emperor or the Invincible Overlord), if Jacquie becomes hobby queen, this automatically and immediately places Jack on the throne as official Hobby King - how about that?

Hazel Park - I ignore the above. If Al Pearson can do it, I can too.

Austria - Do you know what they call ten Russians standing in a circle? A dope ring!

Vienna - Kaiser Von Himpldorking reviewed the combined royal troops of Austria and Hungary today during the national party given in honor of Field Marshall Von Himpldorking II. The Field Marshall has been given the honor of securing the northern and eastern borders of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. When asked how he intends to deploy his forces, Von Himpldorking II replied "Damn the troops, where's the girls!" He was swiftly hustled off by his father's secret police. Kaiser Von Himpldorking was heard to say, "If they had females at the border, we wouldn't be able to keep the little s.o.b. in Vienna."

Russia to Women Only - I'm glad to see somebody agrees with me about Dawn of the Dead, but why not try the following: As soon as possible, stack ALL FOUR humans together. This way, although units can move and shoot every other turn, all four can fire at a zombie (if they don't panic) in attacking position. This way, you get two 3-dice attacks (maximum, that is). However, I lost when somebody panicked vs. the #11 zombie, which got Fran killed (eventually) and led to the humans' demise. By the way, I don't believe that two Deathmaze fans didn't buy Citadel of Blood.

Hazel Park to Russia - They did...and the Moves with the variant...both long before you mentioned them.

Argentina to Hazel Park - How do you reckon the game's progressing?

Hazel Park to Argentina - Not a bad start, actually, for the first game of Mercator ever on this side of the pond. I wish I'd known of Definitive before I opened this game up, though. (I'm also getting a number of inquiries about a second Mercator section. I can't do it for a while, but it's nice to know that some interest is there that wasn't before...)

Russia to 1981 C - That's all the press. I hope you're happy.

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1981 C Commentary

by Eric Verheiden

The events of 1902 served to clarify the situation considerably, but not completely. The current alliance structure will suffice to insure the destruction of France (maybe) and Turkey, but after that, who knows?

To begin with, Italy (Carne) evidently gave up his lonely struggle against Austria, for the moment anyway, and decided instead for a possibly more profitable push against France.

It is, of course, a distinct possibility that the entire Austrian push by Italy was a sham anyway. Two signs pointing that way are the move to the Tyrrhenian (rather than Ionian) in Spring 1901 and the convoy to Tunis (rather than a fleet move) in Fall 1901. The former move is hardly consistent with hitting Austria, the latter move shows a certain lack of confidence in the success of A Ven-Tri.

The payoff of the sham conflict, if there indeed was one, was to convince France to forego F Mar despite the suspicious Italian moves mentioned above.

In any event, there is no doubt whatsoever that Austria (Byrne) carefully set up Turkey for a Spring 1902 stab. Austria was able to move into position in Ser-Gre-Aeg without a trace of opposition and rapidly proceeded with the dismemberment of Turkey.

Simultaneous with the anti-Turkish push, Austria showed a great deal of confidence in newly minted faithful Italian ally and left Trieste wide open while pushing on Munich. Getting away with such moves is how victories are made and, incidentally, is another sign of a possible sham 1901 Austro-Italian conflict.

Turkey (Swider) clearly has been making more than a few mistakes. The indecisive push into the Black Sea in 1901 succeeded in alienating Russia without gaining the tactical advantage of F Bla. Nor was Austria much impressed with the on-again, off-again rather half-hearted attack. The last mistake was pushing yet again into the Black Sea while ignoring the Armenian threat. A Smy S A Con-Ank was a waste, much better employed in -Arm or -Syr. Turkey should be out in 1903.

Russia (Mercer) has suffered the indignity of the Turkish pushes into the Black Sea, but has been winning the battle where it counts, on the diplomatic front. Austria has been a most helpful ally, directly aiding vs. Turkey and helpfully distracting Germany from the undefended central front. In addition, his tactics have been quite good, the move to Arm-Syr in particular, though perhaps Turkey should have been a bit more cautious in preventing the second move.

The Germans seem to have discarded their pro-Russian stance, no doubt at English urging, however the early fall of Turkey and effective Austrian countermeasures provide compensation and perhaps an edge.

The play of Germany (Masters) has been on a par with Austria's, if a bit less successful. Germany climbed way out on a limb to hit France, only to be repulsed and hit by Austria. On the plus side, Germany will have two builds now with Denmark in reserve. Russia will be unable to build a northern fleet this year and, with the Italian assist, the attack on France should progress, if slowly.

Germany's fate is inversely tied to that of France (Pearson). France has played a good tactical game but, bereft of allies, now must decide whether to take his build in the north or south. My guess is Paris, slowing up England and Germany and probably writing off Marseilles and maybe Spain. An interesting option is A Bur-Mun with Austrian support.

England (Guajardo) has a problem, he lost Norway and has a removal (probably F Wal). He has a German ally, but faithful German ally, having problems himself, may be slow to deliver any more easy centers. Pressure can be kept on France and Norway, but that is about it. Even if a center can be taken in 1903, it may be well into 1904 before progress can be achieved.

Overall prognosis: Austria and Russia have made a very swift start. Turkey is doomed and Germany threatened. (Cont. page 11)

1981 C"The Press Game"Spring, 1903

Italy Suffers From Third-Degree Byrne

Austria (Kathy Byrne): a tyo-VEN; a TRI s a tyo-ven; a GRE s a bul;
a BUL s Russian a smy-con; f aeg-ION; a boh-TYO.

England (Arturo Guajardo): a pic-BEL; f NTH s a pic-bel; f ENG s a pic-bel.

France (Al Pearson): f por-MID; a SPA s a mar; a bur*s a mar; a BRE holds;
a mar*s a spa.

Germany (Jack Masters): f kie-DEN; a SWE s f kie-den; a MUN s a ruh-bur;
a ruh-BUR; a BER s a mun; f bel*holds.

Italy (Gerald Carne): a tun holds (no such unit); f LYO s a pie-mar;
a pie-MAR; f WES-spa; a NAF (unordered) holds.

Russia (Keith Mercer): a smy-CON; a syr-SMY; f RUM-bla; a SEV holds;
a war-PRU; f NWY-nth; a STP-nwy.

Turkey (Tom Swider): f BLA holds; a ANK holds.

French a bur must retreat to gas, par, pic or otb; French a mar must
retreat to gas or otb; German f bel must retreat to hol or otb.

Eric Verheiden's latest commentary appears on the facing page.

Deadline for Fall 1903 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Friday, September 25, 1981. Press follows.

Damsel to Friendly - Hi, if my move worked you will be out of a lot of
trouble fast - if it failed, give me 2 pts. for trying.

Paris - The French Bureau of Tourism has denied that it sent passport app-
lications to the Italian military office in Rome. Any Italians planning
to visit either France or Spain this year should return to Rome to file
the proper paperwork to facilitate their travel.

A spokesman for the Bureau did indicate that there has been a large
request for tourist information in the past few months, but unfortunately
the largest request was for tourist information on Rome and Venice
which was inadvertently sent to France by some uneducated Austrian
underling.

Moscow to Munich - Seems England's mad at us. I wonder why?

Keith to Tom - I felt there was no need to write you since I knew I was
after you. If this deceived you I don't understand why. Couldn't you
gather I was after your hide? Thanks for turning your centers over.

Dulltown - Gossip has it that the Anglo-German Alliance is going to be re-
placed with a Russo-German Alliance. What's the truth?

Moscow Herald - News has reached this city that the recent hospitalization
of Captain Kangaroo was caused by a spat between Tom Turkey and the
Captain. It seems that Tom didn't like his time cut and caused severe
hardship on the Captain. Mr. Kangaroo was happy to hear that Tom did
feed Mr. Bunyrabbit, Mr. Moose and Mr. Bear. He did, however, write
Tom out of his will.

Kearneysville to Hazel Park - Yes, you do have three prime candidates for
the Nixon Award in the game: Mercer, Byrne and myself. You also have a
candidate for the Harpo Marx award (Carne), the leading candidate for
Hobby Queen (Ms. Masters), and the frontrunners for the Stupid Award
(Swider and Art). It is an honor just to be associated with this game.

Hazel Park - You're darn tootin', it's an honor! We also have the head of
the Galactic Diplomacy Federation, the Nuke'em and Fairyland Number
Custodians, the inventors of Dip Shutes and Ladders and Dip Candy Land,
the publisher of the #1 zine in the Leeder Poll, a self-proclaimed
"desert rat", two turtle doves, and... At any rate, it's an honor.

Hazel Park with a P.S. - There's also a whole lotta Modern Calhamer points
here, too, if anyone cares about ratings...

Bloodsucker to Friendly and Chicken - I don't like this Ger/Rus alliance
any more than you do.

Portugal - Damn, I wish I bordered on the North Sea; it's not every day
almost anyone can walk in there and get a free shot at Edinburgh.

Friendly Al to Silent Carne (obviously an Oaklyn pseudonym) - Bye-Bye,
sucker. (I wonder who I'm talking about, him or me.) Leaving all those
home centers open to the lovely Ms. Byrne. My oh my.

Hazel Park - That's OK - "the lovely Ms. Byrne" can walk into MY home
centers any time she wishes...except in 1980 KI, of course...

Pearson to Hobby - I wish to denounce Glenn Overby II. When duly informed that Bernie Oaklyn was possibly playing in 1981 C under the alias of Jerry Carne, he failed to investigate the complaint and wished to cover up the incident. If this is the concern that Mr. Overby has for such serious situations, then he must be exposed (don't get in an uproar, Kathy, I don't mean that kind of exposed).

Rome to the World - In a recent issue of JIHAD the questions were raised of who, what and where a Carne is. Being of a philosophical nature I said to myself "What the hell do I care." Then it struck me that I myself was indeed the very Carne whose existence was being questioned. This I found to be very disturbing. Therefore, I gave these questions my fullest attention throughout the commercials during the Bullwinkle and Rocky show reruns. I am now prepared to answer the above questions.

I am myself. I am a male (I checked) homo sapiens. I am currently approximately 12 miles off Thunderbay Island light heading on a course of 154° true. In summation may I just say that I think, therefore -- yes, Al, there is a Carne!

Hazel Park - This form of self-investigation is highly irregular, but does tend to be persuasive. However, I feel that the Bloodsucker should be appointed as JIHAD's official ad hoc committee to look into the Carne affair (or was that have a Carne affair?) and report back to the hobby. I have nominated the Bloodsucker because she has already initiated her own probe into Carne's vital regions...

Jane Proskin to Honest Al - So you don't like my press releases! Well, I am not so fond of Blueberry Whip anymore, either. Merci vous extremer les plume. La fumer de la mar.

Gary Coughlan Dept. - Eat your heart out, Gary, not only do we have foreign language press--but we have a Swedish Roundabout too.

Dulltown to Thrillsville?(a/k/a Sewer City, NY) - How dare you give this town such a title.

Warsaw - General Nitika Vipervich has taken over control of the Russian 4th Army today and our beloved Czar has given him complete authority. Has insanity finally stricken our leader?

Kathy to Tom Turkey - My move on Italy should bring back memories for you! It's a pity that your memories are always of tragedy!

Austria to Russia - Great alliance we have here - while I attack Germany, you give him centers. Are you sure this is the way the game works?

Innocent Al to Smashed Swider - It looks as if I just might outlast you; it seems the Las Vegas bookmakers were right.

RADIO FREE PIEDMONT (from somewhere in Gascony) - Once again Radio Free Piedmont is on the air, beaming the truth to the savages. Italian sailors, how do you like being away from your wives, mistresses, and daughters, not to mention your chianti. Who's paying their "respects" to your women while you are off on the futile invasion of Iberia? Go back home before your daughters are bearing little Austrian children. France has never harmed you. This is Naples Nancy signing off.

The Snake to Bloodsucker - Who said I doubted you? As for brains - I heard your knife speaks for that. What did you do to convince Swider so well?

Moscow - Czar Venomoski Jr. ordered the arrest of General Vipervich on the grounds of treason. Seems he had our beloved Czar sign over the 4th Army under false assumptions. Our Czar claims he gave precise orders to move his 4th Army to Galicia and the order was disobeyed. It may take several months to locate the General since he left the 4th Army in search of the mysterious Black Jacquie Masters.

French National Bank to Beloved Damsel - To collect the monetary reward offered you must not only try to take those centers, but you must succeed. A cashier's check is awaiting your next few moves.

Sweden to Verheiden - Now what was all that bunk about a northern English/Russian/German alliance?

Dulltown to Thrillsville - Is Ms. Byrne the best you can do for a thrill? (Try the Overby women!!!)

Rome to Berlin - Is your mailbox empty? Are you longing for long letters? Then join the Friends of Italy Pen Pal Club. Make me an offer I can't refuse, and watch the mail come pouring in.

Noisy Austrian to Pope Hush Hush - So you took a vow of celibacy. Well I think I'll just climb right into your country with you, and remember I brought along the Blueberry Whip!

Rome - Not to be outdone by crude druids, the adherents to the old faiths of Rome had their annual Rites of Spring (1903) festival. A traditional bacchanalia of drunken debauchery spilled into the streets. The German ambassador (in a tight pink outfit with matching chains) was observed soliciting votes for Hobby Queen, which explains why he was not present at the Coliseum when the British consul general was fed to the Russian bears. Meanwhile, it was reported that the Austrian ambassador was observed near the temple doing lewd and licentious things with a Turkey. A search was made for officials from the Italian government - they were finally found on a deserted street corner playing ~~XIX~~ by themselves on a pogo stick. No representatives of France were present at the festivities. The French complained that the Italians never sent them an invitation, however it was widely believed here that the reason lies much deeper and is probably Freudian.

Bloodsucker to Chicken - Your demise and mine will be brought about by Queen Jackie. Why don't you ally with Friendly Al - he promises to tell the truth. Masters has had such an effect on him he is now on the wagon. No more lies!

Kathy to Dulltown - Don't believe Thrillville, it's more of a thrill watching me without my outfit!

Hazel Park - I'll second that...

Paris to London - If going no place fast is your style, why not order your units to hold in place for a few years. Thank you very much.

Keith to Tom - I thought I paid you to burn those pictures. Where's my money? You didn't use it at the sheep farm again?

Moscow to Rome - I heard you're into French fries. How's the crop this year?

Vienna to London - I loved the baseball strike, my Mets didn't lose a game for weeks. Now that has to be a record!

Switzerland - The quest to recover the Mona Nucleolisa from the French Louvre has been called off. Although German and English expeditionary forces did not recover the painting, several of their spies were actually able to see the painting and brought back reports of how terribly ugly Mona Nucleolisa actually was. It now appears that German and English forces will go elsewhere for fun and adventure. It is an entirely different story in the south, however. Italian expeditionary forces, which were quite tardy in getting started in the first place, reportedly have absolutely no taste whatsoever and will continue their campaign to recover the Mona Nucleolisa.

The Snake to Tom Turkey - Did you ever think of sticking to Silly Putty instead of trying to play Dip? You should.

Austrian Snoopy Reporter - Hi Snake! Well, what's your pleasure, sticking it to Byrne or stabbing Queenie?

Snake - I don't know, it's a tough decision. Queenie says she'll lend me her favorite dress if I stay allied with her, but then Kathy says she'll let me lick Blueberry Whip off her fingers if I stay allied with her.

Snoopy - Boy, you certainly have a problem - Jackie's Dress or Kathy's Flesh, I sure wouldn't want to make a choice!

Hazel Park to Snake via Snoopy - Why don't you try to have your cake and eat it, too...maybe I'd better rephrase that...

Al to Glenn - In a correction for a press release from last month, Dark John is not suffering from any incurable social diseases. The less said about why he is taking those drugs the better.

Rome - Has muddled Italian policy reached a new low in muddledom? Does anyone know what the Italians are doing? Do the Italians know what the Italians are doing? Does anybody outside of Italy care what the Italians are doing? Stay tuned to JIHAD for answers to these, and other exciting questions.

Moscow - Czar Venomoski, Jr. today dedicated a beautiful statue of Tom Turkey in Red Square to commemorate our soon to be extinct neighbor. The crowd cheered as the Czar took a sledge to the head of the statue. It seems the sculptor forgot to add the zits.

Paris to Rome - You are invited to visit Paris, but the route thru Marseilles may slow you down a bit. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Kathy to Hazel Park - I see we graduated to page 3! Hurray for us! Tell Eric good luck with his commentary - no one knows what's going on in this game! The only sure thing is that Tommie is a Turkey!

Hazel Park - The count's up to 326 and rising...

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1981 C Commentary (continued from page 5)

The Scandinavian front is no better than a stalemate for Russia, however, and Austria must eventually decide how Italy fits into the long-range picture - and vice-versa.

The western situation is less decisive and a reshuffle is a definite possibility. Italy, if frustrated, could turn east again (or for real) or even demand an Austrian attack on Russia. In short, a prediction for "interesting times".

Commentary on the 1981 Leeder Polls

Gee, it's wonderful to be loved...

For the record, I'm very pleased with JIHAD's and my own finish in the Zine and GM Polls. I'd only put out 14 issues before the voting deadline, so finishing 9th of 55 zines is a distinct honor. (Especially when you figure that 132 zines actually received votes - the 55 listed were the only ones with 10 or more responses - so it's actually "9th" out of a whole lot more than 55...)

As for the GM results - one look at the list of names in front of me tells most of the tale, as many of these gentlemen have a whole lot more experience as GMs. There's certainly no ground for complaint when you're rated within .06 of Lee Kendter, for instance - though it makes you wonder whether or not he was underrated this year.

In short, I'm happy.

Special congratulations are in order to a number of JIHAD subbers who made it to the top 20 in one or both polls -

"20/20 Club" - Jack Masters, Gary Coughlan, Al Pearson, John Caruso, Fred Davis, Bob Sergeant, Lee Kendter.

One poll or the other - John Daly (check my anniversary awards in #13 - didn't I tell you?), Don Ditter, John Boardman, Bob Arnett, Mike Conner.

Some analysis was originally going to appear here. However, if I can't find space elsewhere in this issue, I'll do more detailed analysis in #18. I just handled an important phone call, resulting in the announcements below.

Six-Week Deadline Diplomacy

Gamestart

Finally! JIHAD's eighth regular Diplomacy game starts, after months of waiting. I've extended the subscriptions of the two persons who subbed just for this game by two issues as partial recompense for the delay...

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This game is connected to the Six-Week Deadline Diplomacy game above, and will be run by the rules published in JIHAD #12.

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Leeder Poll Results!! -- 5th annual North American Zine Poll
 4th annual North American GM Poll
 (comments/analysis on facing page)

ZinesGMs

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| 1-8.15-Black Frog (65) | 4- 1-9.15-John Daly (20) |
| 2-8.04-Dot Happy (24) | 41-19- 2-8.90-Ron (CA) Brown (29) |
| 13- 8- 3-7.95-Brutus Bulletin (60) | 3-8.86-Gary Coughlan (7) |
| 22-14- 4-7.87-Murd'ring Ministers (62) | 8- 6- 4-8.61-Bob Sergeant (23) |
| 21- 5-7.81-Retaliatio (42) | 1- 5-8.60-Don Ditter (5) |
| 6-7.77-Europa Express (47) | 18-15- 6-8.55-Andy Lischett (20) |
| 7-7.72-Lone Star Diplomat (58) | 1-11- 6-8.55-John Michalski (11) |
| 8-7.61-Just Among Friends (36) | 17-21- 8-8.50-Randolph Smyth (8) |
| 9-7.56-JIHAD (36) | 9-13- 9-8.40-Fred Davis (5) |
| 22-12-10-7.53-Cheesecake (30) | 39-10-8.38-John Caruso (21) |
| 11-7.43-East of Eden (30) | 6-36-11-8.33-John Boardman (9) |
| 43-12-7.36-Whitestonia (50) | 3- 8-12-8.20-Lee Kendter, Sr (15) |
| 29-13-7.13-Bushwacker (16) | 13-8.17-Dave Marshall (6) |
| 11- 1-14-7.11-Fol Si Fie (28) | 14-8.14-GLENN OVERBY (14) |
| 10-15-15-7.10-Saint George and the Dragon (40) | 15-8.13-Al Pearson (15) |
| 5-13-16-7.07-Diplomacy Digest (60) | 7-16-8.11-Bob Osuch (9) |
| 17-6.97-Plague Times (29) | 17-8.00-Jack Masters (31) |
| 3- 7-18-6.93-Why Me? (27) | 14-18-7.94-Bob Arnett (16) |
| 18-6.93-Torpedo (27) | 4-26-19-7.88-Jim Bumpas (8) |
| 5-20-6.90-Emhain Macha (40) | 24-27-20-7.80-Drew McGee (5) |
| 5- 4-21-6.89-Diplomacy World (55) | 21-7.67-Mike Conner (18) |
| 19-22-6.88-The Dogs of War (40) | 5- 9-21-7.67-John Leeder (6) |
| 2-22-6.88-Volkerwanderung (57) | 10- 4-23-7.62-Steve Heinowski (13) |
| 24-6.85-Bersaglieri (13) | 24-7.55-Bern Sampson (11) |
| 25-6.78-Sleepless Knights (18) | 25-7.40-Gerald Austin (5) |
| 10-26-6.71-Voice of Doom (77) | 26-7.29-Don Del Grande (7) |
| 27-6.67-The Snake Pit (12) | 26-7.29-Allen Wells (7) |
| 28-6.65-Life of Monty (34) | 22-28-7.18-Michael Mills (17) |
| 17-29-6.60-Envoy (42) | 29-7.17-Mike Barno (6) |
| 17-23-30-6.54-Passchendaele (24) | 10-30-7.15-Roy Henricks (26) |
| 7-16-30-6.54-Runestone (24) | 22-17-31-7.08-Steve McLendon (12) |
| 2- 9-32-6.36-The Dragon and the Lamb (28) | 32-7.00-Marion Bates (5) |
| 15-24-33-6.26-Ter-Ran (27) | 35-30-33-6.83-François Guerrier (6) |
| 34-6.15-Snafu (13) | 16-34-6.80-Dick Martin (25) |
| 35-6.12-Peek (26) | 35-6.60-Keith Mercer (5) |
| 11-36-5.96-Everything (25) | 34-36-6.57-Don Sigwalt (7) |
| 37-5.92-Appalling Greed (25) | 11-18-37-6.50-Don Horton (6) |
| 14-39-38-5.86-Liberterrean (21) | 40-46-37-6.50-Tony Watson (6) |
| 1-31-39-5.69-Graustark (26) | 34-39-6.40-Al Rodriguez (5) |
| 25-40-5.66-The Shogun's Sword (32) | 40-6.00-Tom Swider (9) |
| 41-5.60-Klepto Mania (10) | 21-41-41-5.67-Jerry Jones (6) |
| 18-27-42-5.56-Ruritania (16) | 48-41-5.67-Bruce Linsey (30) |
| 4-19-43-5.41-Claw and Fang (22) | 37-43-5.33-Jack Frost (6) |
| 22-44-5.27-Infidel (15) | 44-5.17-Scott Hanson (6) |
| 45-5.25-Invasion (32) | 45-4.60-Bruce Schneier (5) |
| 46-5.14-Y'All (14) | 55-50-46-2.25-Richard Kovalcik (8) |
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| 48-4.81-The Chamber (21) | |
| 9-36-49-4.60-L.D.N.S. (10) | |
| 42-50-4.54-Italiano Pribe (13) | |
| 21-26-51-4.06-Toronto Telegram (16) | |
| 29-52-3.92-B.O.A.S.T. (12) | |
| 53-3.48-Born to Dip (29) | |
| 45-54-2.89-Tetracuspoid (26) | |
| 33-47-55-2.10-Le Front... (21) | |

Numbers in front of rating indicate
 79-80-81 placings for that zine or
 GM. Number after name (in parens)
 is number of votes received.

*From Women Only*Number Four

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For once - an issue with no Jacquie Masters pictures!!!!

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Sorry about no issue last month. I had too many irons in the fire, and got caught with my time gone. I worked days and nights while Glenn was gone, and went around in a fog for much of the last week he was away.

THEN my sister Kathy Byrne, John Caruso, and Phyllis and Frankie Byrne came in from New York. We really had a wonderful time. We held BelCon with Sue and Dave Petrie, David Anderson, Ben Schilling, Debbie Osborne, Richard and Jean Carlson, and all the Overbys that play in attendance the first day. The second day added Alan Dickinson and (surprise, surprise) Marion Bates from Kalkaska. I am delighted to say that Marion seemed a lot better than when he was last here at MichiCon X.

Saturday night Kathy and John split the win at regular Diplomacy, and Sunday night John and I split the win playing Gunboat. You can see that John is a great player. He could convince a turtle to come out of its shell if he really tried.

Sunday afternoon was Kingmaker time, as Glenn taught John and Kathy how to play. Glenn won the first game with the three of them playing, then I joined the second game just in time for John to beat all of us.

Also, this past Sunday I talked to Dan Wilson on the telephone! He sounds so good and I look forward to talking to him often after November. He also says he'll try to get here for WinterCon 11 next year. We'll hold you to that, Dan.

NOW on to the game start (YES, it's here at last!). We do have a new Dip player in this one - a charming lady who has decided to get in on the fun. I'm pleased to introduce you all to Betsy Bates. Betsy, welcome to the wonderful world of Diplomacy, and may all your games be fun - win, lose or draw.

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Your Spring 1901 deadline is Monday, September 28.

By the way, the name of this game is SCORPIO (and I bet you can't guess the name of the next one, if any). I'm a Scorpio, and so are at least two of the players, so I guess it sounds like a good name.

I'll finish off the page with short messages - JIM BRAGG: We're looking up the information you asked for. JOHN AND KATHY: Had a great time; we'll have to do it again. BELCON I PARTICIPANTS: Thanks for coming. BETSY: Sorry about Italy - it always seems to happen to first-timers. GLENN: Don't skip town for two weeks again soon - please.

/!/ Hello, everyone, it's me again. Missed you all last issue, sorry about that. They said that I left my part at work, what they did not bother to say is the fact that we chose to keep my part out for it was a dedication to Marion Bates, publisher of Plague Times. Well, as many of us found out, the letter of his death was some weirdos sense of "humor". If I find out who this funny man is so help me, he will need a death notice!

/!/ Marion, it was a shock to hear of your death but not nearly as shocking as when you called to ask what the heck was going on. Good to hear from you.

/!/ This issue I would like to send a special hello out to a really neat guy, but I couldn't find one so Dan Wilson will have to do.

/!/ Dan, Kevin Siembieda really appreciated your fan letters about his game The Mechanoid Invasion. I am sure that by now he has written you, but if he hasn't, he could use the plug anyway. In the meantime, at your request, Kev and I are trying to figure out how to play Mechanoids by mail, also when to set our wedding date.

/!/ Hi Uncle John, Aunt Kathy, Cousins Phyllis and Frankie. It was great seeing you and hope you had fun at BelCon. I know we did.

/!/ Until next month, try to stay in trouble. Signing off for now....
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In closing, I must say I have been playing games all my life, but have never met a nicer bunch of people than all you PBWers. Seeing you all (or is that y'all) in person makes it even nicer.

Jeni

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1981 Ffn02 (Song of the Night)

Winter, 5001

A "Fourdor" (Mark Larzelere): Build A AMYR, A ANDEMON, F TROOM.

B "L.I.O.E. Wogistan" (Dan Palter): Even.

C "Ducastrian" (David Anderson): Build A CASSAN, F ISLE OF DUSK.

D "Befuddled Ones" (Mike Crane): N.B.R.

E "Androlep" (Richard Carlson): Build A DOL SHAIAC, F DHASSA.

F "Fem Mark" (Debbie Osborne): Remove n mirrim, f northern sea, w1 ibian.

Deadline for Spring 5002 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, September 24, 1981.

Players are asked to vote on a proposal to accept volunteer standbys who don't mind purchasing the \$6 book. One person has already approached me stating that he'd be glad to buy the book and pick up Dan Palter's apparently abandoned position if I'd reverse my no standby position. I replied that I could only do it with consent of all the players; it's not good form for a GM to reverse himself on such things, but if the players feel that it would make a better game, I will not override their wishes.

FWO to Readers - Anyone interested in joining the Woodchuck of the Month Club?

CANADIAN POSTIES RELEASE TWO GAMES HELD HOSTAGE1981 AQ (Mensa #14)position after Winter, 1901

Austria (Mark Larzelere): a VIE, f ALB, a SER.

England (Pete Gaughan): f EDI, f NTH, f NWY, a YOR.

France (Mike Casucci): f BRE, a PAR, a MAR, a SPA, f POR, a MUN.

Germany (Errol Platt): a BER, f KIE, f DEN, a HOL, a BEL.

Italy (Peter Simpson): a VEN, f NAP, a TRI, a TYO, f GRE.

Russia (Michael Whitty): a MOS, a WAR, f SWE, f SEV, a RUM, a UKR.

Turkey (Paul Larsen): a CON, a ARM, a BUL, f BLA.

Deadline for Spring 1902 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, September 26, 1981.

Kingmaker 8002Turn 4, Chance Phase
Parliament

Parliament is in session at Preston. Attendees include Audley, Clifford, Cromwell, FitzAlan, Hastings, Holland, Neville, Percy, Pole, Roos, Scrope, King Henry, and George of Clarence.

There are 104 votes in the Commons and 47 votes in Lords.

Slates are to be nominated by: 1. Wyatt 2. Osborne 3. Reynolds
4. Reynolds

The booty list includes Earl of Essex; Earl of Kent; Earl of Salisbury; Duke of Exeter; Marshal of England.

All slates should be changed, if desired, not later than Tuesday, September 22, 1981. Also, votes are due on the adoption of the Postal Kingmaker Parliament Module presented in JIHAD #15.

1981 HGTWO MORE CASES OF TYROLIA TWITCH
Do You See What I See?Spring, 1901Austria (Rick Slaughter): f tri-ALB; a bud-SER; a VIE-tyo.

England (John Chisholm): f edi-NWG; f lon-NTH; a lpl-EDI.

France (Pete Gaughan): f bre-MID; a MAR s a par-bur; a par-BUR.

Germany (Debbie Osborne): f kie-HOL; a ber-KIE; a mun-RUH.

Italy (Mike Maston): a VEN-tyo; a rom-APU; f nap-ION.

Russia (Greg Murray): f stp(sc)-BOT; a war-GAL; a mos-UKR; f sev-RUM.

Turkey (Dan Wilson): a con-BUL; a smy-CON; f ANK holds.

Deadline for Fall 1901 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, September 26, 1981. Press follows.

Moscow to Ankara - Our campaign against the Austrian is under way, and the Tsar is confident of victory. On to the pillaging of Budapest!

Hazel Park - I hope this next piece isn't too raunchy. I don't understand most of it.

Roma - Obtueri Local Loan me in decem cubitem tandem ferit. Laborans non laboro, partusque septem per centum non laborans. In abdomene meum serpere pro labore et sordes in abdomene rodet exsecratus sum! Sed provincia me dixit, "Ad calamitatibus te solvemus. LXIII cistophoros te quisque hebdoman solvemus." Igitur in scrutatione meo inter alies terris fecero. Scrutari eram, sed dissimulatores me recusant dicens: "No argentos tibi donare habemus. Abi, et aliem diem iterum venis." Sic in vastita erravi. Sed in nona hora de XXIV die maio ut imperatorum Richard Nixon erat, Reagan gubernator erat de haec provincia, edictum promulgavit dicens nunc aetates est melior sed ego non credo.

XXV die scrutari esse, lux fulgida elucevit et ego vocem audevi dicens: "Quare investigas? Tibi nummos multos in domi mortis dabo."

Sonitum aequi amimi audeo, ecce vel in Gardena!"

Ex pluteo canto; cum ukuleleonem canto; ecce ad nauseam.

--Psalmus CLII

Hazel Park to Maston - So you dared me; so I printed it. So there...

Hazel Park to Gary Coughlan - JIHAD strikes again. Eat your heart out.

Rumania - Rumanians thronged the coast and threw flowers before the fleet of Russian sailors as they landed. The government issued an official welcome to the Russians, and also pledged its eternal alliance with Moscow.

Berlin Bugle - The Kaiserina Wilhelmina has announced an effort to seek out the lost Ark of the Covenant. Top religious leaders are invited to Kiel for a forum on the Ark's current location. Treasure hunters, archaeologists, and thieves are also invited.

Moscow to Rome - If you didn't do what I suggested, you're really going to miss out in the coming years.

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Kingmaker 8001

Turn 2

And Another One Does, And Another One Does...Another ~~One~~ Two Bites The Dust

Pre-Move: Hastings and Cromwell are introduced to Percy's blade; Logres sends flowers to their widows. Stanley is ransomed. Nottingham declares allegiance to Percy. le Nicholas is christened by Pole at London.

Event Response: Holland to Compton; Clifford and King Henry to Maldon.

Movement

Clifford(Maldon)-Pleshey-Royston-h25-h22-h21

Grey(Rockingham)-h6-h7-h8-h9

Holland(Compton)-d10-d7-Taunton-h36-Wells

Percy(m30)-m36-Newcastle-Shrewsbury-**

Pole(Lincoln(c))-Grantham-Leicester-h5-Daventry-h21

Roos(Helmsley)-York-Towton-m35-Lincoln-Grantham

Stanley (m30)-h4-Eccleshall-Eccleshall-**

Talbot(Coventry(c))-m36-Newcastle-Eccleshall-**

le George(s29)-s30-**

le Lucas(Whitby)-s30-**

le Nicholas(London)-estuary-s26-s24-Pevensey

le Swan(Boston)-s30-**

le Trinity(Ravenser)-s30-**

Combat: Stanley and Talbot attack Percy at Eccleshall/Shrewsbury (130 vs 110). The combat is indecisive (PLAGUE-Cardigan, Swansea).

le Trinity and le George (300), le Lucas (100), and le Swan (100) engage in a three-way combat at s30. This is a situation that has never before occurred where all combatants arrived at the same point of their movement. I've therefore divided the combat into the three possible two-way duels, diced randomly to see which occurs first, and then run all three combats (ignoring later combats where some had already been captured, of course). T&G vs L - bad weather delays (SCOTS RAID Percy-Alnwick,Warden-Berwick). L vs S - indecisive (EMBASSY-Rochester). T&G vs S - le Swan is captured by le Trinity/le George (PEASANT REVOLT-Stafford-Leeds,Earl Kent-Rochester,Marshal-Blackheath).

Royal Heirs: King Henry with Clifford; others pine away in start positions.

Turn 3 Events: non-event to Osmanson; PEASANT REVOLT-Constable Tower to Blackheath, Stafford to Leeds; PLAGUE-Colchester, Ipswich; PLAGUE-Plymouth, Exeter; MERCENARIES GO HOME-Scots Archers.

Deadline for Turn 3 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, September 24, 1981. Press follows.

Clifford - Hot doggies; I got the King, I got the King. Time to see the countryside. Giddiup horsey!

le Nicholas to le Trinity - If you're transporting the King with that filth Clifford, I have some friends wishing to see you.

Clifford - Hey guys, how'se about another Parliament? (Chorus of boos)

Pole to Clifford - Where do you run to, good Lord? Why not tarry and converse about the good of the realm?

So What Does That *\$%&! String of Characters Mean, Anyway?

(An Explanation of the New Miller Numbers)

A number of JIHAD readers have, over the last few months, been required to sort through varying amounts of alphameric soup passing itself off as identifiers (!) for the Diplomacy variant games run here.

These are the Miller numbers, a hobby-wide (more or less) system for uniquely identifying each and every Diplomacy variant game run by mail. They're simpler than they look --

Let's take an example from a game actually running here - 1981 Ffn02, the Song of the Night game.

The 1981, sensibly enough, stands for the year in which the game was started. The capital letter (or two letters) following the year indicates the order in which the games were started that year - the first variant start is A, second is B, etc. After Z is reached (26 starts), two-letter designators appear - AA, AB...AZ, BA, BB...etc. ad nauseam.

So far the Miller numbers look just like their regular game cousins, the Boardman numbers. It's the same system - separate lists, though - so far.

But we still have four characters to go - fn02 in this case. This is simply a fancy way of identifying WHICH of the 600+ published Diplomacy variants is being played.

This two-letter, two-number system was developed by Rod Walker some time back for use in cataloguing the 400 or so variants in the North American Variant Bank, which is the largest known collection of Dippy variants anywhere.

The FIRST lower-case letter identifies the variant in one of 21 major topic areas, and the second letter identifies a subtopic of that topic. (The numbers identify specific games within the subtopic; they're assigned sequentially.) For Song of the Night (fn02), the f stands for Fantasy, and the n indicates no specific literary setting. 02 means that Song was the second "fn" variant to be listed in the NAVB files.

A brief guide to the MN/NAVB designators is offered below:

- a. Ancient
- b. Biosphere games
- c. Modifications of the Basic Game
 - cb. Changes to both map and rules
 - cn. Nine-player versions
- d. Africa
- e. East (Near, Middle, Far)
 - em. Middle East
- f. Fantasy (other than Tolkien; Tolkien-based variants are t.)
- g. Global
- h. Europe 1501-1900
- i. Latin America
- m. Europe 450-1500
- n. North America
 - na. entire continent
 - ns. one state/small region
 - nu. United States
- o. Oceans (map is centered on a major ocean)
- p. Portions of Europe (small areas of regular board)
- q. Europe 1920-2000
- r. Regular Board Variants
 - rd. Hidden movement
 - rm. Major revisions (also rs, rv depending on length of rules)
 - rn. New unit type(s) only
 - rx. Two player variants
- s. Science fiction/space
- t. Tolkien-based
- u. Unusual (abstract, hypothetical boards, etc.)
- v. Put-ons and current events
- w. Western Hemisphere
- x. Expansions of the regular board (short of global)

Note that over 100 different two-letter categories are in use; those listed above are just a sampling.

The advantage of these "new" MN designators is twofold; first, the designator is now logically related to the kind of variant being played--a help to those who aren't familiar with 600 Dipvariants--and second, if someone sees a game (s)he likes, (s)he knows enough of the catalog number to order a copy from the NAVB. The address for this is: R.C. Walker, "alcala", 1273 Crest Dr, Encinitas, CA 92024. I'd guess that a check for \$1 would cover repro, postage and handling for 90% of the variants in the Bank.

HOWEVER - for the next few years, there will still be old-style Miller Nos. around. These use just a one- or two-letter designator for each variant, going from "a" (which was a 3X3 team game) to "jq" (World War IIb). All games starting in 1981 and afterwards will have new MNs; those started before 1 Jan 81 should still use old-style numbers.

(The only game in JIHAD now using old-style numbers is the Youngstown IV game 1980 Iov. All others have the newer numbers - 1981 Bpw02 (Machiavelli); 1981 Cna02 (North America: 2020); 1981 Erm22 (Woolworth I); 1981 Ffn02 (Song of the Night); 1981 Igp09 (Mercator III).)

Maybe this has helped you beleaguered readers/players over this hump...

New Miller Number Custodian - John Leeder, 121 19th Ave NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 1N9, CANADA is the new custodian of the Miller Numbers, replacing Greg Costikyan and interim custodian Rod Walker.

GMs of variant games are well advised to send a gamestart notice to John, listing the variant, player names and country assignments. GMs who have Miller numbered games finish should submit endgame reports to John as well.

One last note - the MN function has fallen upon hard times in recent years. It pleases me, therefore, to report that John has the support of every variant hobbyist with whom I have talked, regardless of faction. Let's get our act together for once...

Wanted: LORD OF HOSTS - I'm presently putting together a variant player rating project, similar to several of the ratings systems used for regular Diplomacy play.

I need back issues of LORD OF HOSTS (or other official zines of the Miller Number Custodian) from 1980 and earlier. Legible photocopies are fine, of course - the game data is what's important.

Any help you can provide will be acknowledged and greatly appreciated. Any takers?

1981 Bpw02 (Machiavelli)

DELAYED

Summer, 1515

I was hoping not to have to delay anything (without Canadians, that is) this month...

Larry Boudon's zine was returned to me in the mail. He had a mid-month change of address to COLOMBIA on file, so I couldn't get a new zine to him in time to give him a chance to submit orders. A delay was the only open course.

Check out the COA in the Address List herein, and note the new deadline for Summer 1515 orders is Monday, September 28, 1981.

Congratulations...are in order for subscriber Jim Moir, who recently joined the ranks of the (happily?) married.

Good luck, best wishes, and I hope that you don't drive Robin bananas too quickly.

Have any of you seen Mark Berch's trivia quiz in Diplomacy Digest #50? It's 128 questions long, and I defy even the most active among you to get more than 50 right without help!

A Mighty Fortress 80

1540

WHEREIN the Hapsburgs again beseige Paris, and enter to sack the city; the Royal Navy scores a major victory at sea; the German heretics rest from their battles with the Papal armies; and the INFIDELS GO TO WAR...

Campaign Phase

((positions at END of phase))

England (Don Swartz): 1115 1x; 1416 2a; 1612 1n; 1613 2n; 1806 1n2a; 1812 1n; 1912 1a; 1913 1a.
 France (Steve D'Alessandro): 1614 2a; 1616 1a; 2117 2a; 2424 1n; 2519 1a.
 Hapsburgs (William Osmanson): 1419 2n; 1420 1n; 1519 2n; 1520 1n; 1525 1a; 1815 2a; 1819 2a; 1915 2a; 1919 2a; 2219 2a; 2223 3n; 2422 1a; 2617 1a1x; 2720 2x; 2722 1x; 3412 2a; 3427 3a; 3614 2a.
 Lutherans (Tom Thorsen): 2211 2m; 2316 1x; 2411 1aAnh2m; 2413 1x2m; 2416 1aWrt; 2512 1m; 2516 1aSax; 2517 3m; 2612 2m; 2613 1m; 2615 1aWck; 2701 1m; 2716 1aSax; 2810 1m; 2816 1aWrt; 2915 1m; 2916 1aMns; 3005 1m; 3008 1m; 3013 1m; 3015 1aAug; 3113 1aBra; 3114 1aBre; 3115 1aHes; 3210 1aBra; 3211 1aBra; 3212 1aBrn; 3401 1m; 3709 2m; 4109 2m; 4211 2m.
 Ottomans (Chuck Higgins): 2730 1a; 2925 1n(aug1); 2927 1n; 3120 4a; 3331 2n1x3a; 3717 2a; 3817 1x; 3917 1x2a; 3930 1n(aug1); 4119 2x.
 Papacy (Debbie Osborne): 2921 2a; 3021 2a; 3121 1a; 3226 1a2x.

Combats

E 1612 1n+1613 2n+1812 1n att F 1713 1n @ 4-1/De (elim F 1n)
 H siege Paris (1816 2a, 1915 2a, 1916 2a) @ 3-1/Ex (elim F 2a, H 1816 2a, advance H 1916 2a into city)

Taxation Phase

England - Dublin, Plymouth, York, London, Calais, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Antwerp, Brest, Edinburgh. 23,000 Crowns.
 France - Bordeaux*, Rouen, Paris*, Dijon, Marseilles* Turin, Genoa*. 6,000 Crowns.
 Hapsburgs - Corunna, Madrid, Barcelona, Prague, Vienna, Naples, Zurich, Geneva, Lisbon, Milan. 32,000 Crowns.
 Lutherans - Bremen, Magdeburg, Augsburg, Nuremburg, Wittenburg, Metz, Mainz, Cologne, Trier. 19,000 Crowns.
 Ottomans - Buda, Belgrade, Bucharest, Constantinople, Athens, Palermo, Cagliari, Venice. 21,000 Crowns.
 Papacy - Bologna, Ravenna, Rome, Florence, Sienna. 6,000 Crowns limit.

Diplomacy Phase

Areas Controlled

England - Calais, England, Ireland, Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands, Scotland.
 France - France.
 Hapsburgs - Austria, Bohemia, Franche Comte, Hungary, Naples, Navarre, Spain, Tyrol, Portugal, Switzerland, Savoy, Genoa, Milan.
 Lutherans - All Germany EXCEPT Mark, Mecklenburg.
 Ottomans - Ottoman Empire, Sardinia, Sicily, Venice.
 Papacy - Papal States, Florence, Tuscany.

Newly Taxed Cities: Hapsburgs get Bordeaux, Paris, Marseilles and Genoa from France.

Lutheran Religion: Germany (in toto), Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Netherlands, Poland.

States of War: Hapsburgs and England vs. France
 Lutherans vs. Papacy (may lapse next year)
 Ottomans vs. Hapsburgs - see declaration below

Diplomatic Pouch

The Ottoman Empire declares war upon the Hapsburgs. Suleiman acknowledges that this declaration is made purely in response to territorial greed.

Expenditure Phase

	Eng	Fra	Hap	Lut	Ott	Pap
Start 1540	5,000	22,000	26,000	4,000	85,000	20,000
Taxation	23,000	6,000	32,000	19,000	21,000	6,000
Gen Movement						- 2,000
Aug Movement					- 2,000	
War	-23,000		-32,000	-19,000	-21,000	
Combat	- 4,000	- 3,000	- 6,000			
Replacements		- 6,000				
Start 1541	1,000	19,000	20,000	4,000	83,000	24,000

R & R Phase

 Entering This Turn - England 2a 1711, 1n 1312; Lutheran aHes 2713, aMgd 2909; Papacy 1m 3226.
 Eligible Next Turn - England 1x; France 2x9a5n; Lutheran 2m from 1539; Papacy 2m from 1541, 1a.

GM Notes - Tom, thanks for your letter. Most of your points were well taken, and are straightened out herein. Chalk it up to inevitable GM error percentage - this game's awfully complex at times. Chuck, your enquiry should be answered on the cover of this issue. Don, I wasn't wrong on this one. Check issues #13 and #14.

This one's more fun than a barrel of monkeys. My boss even sticks his nose in to follow the adjudications as I do them.

Deadline for 1541 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, September 23, 1981. Press follows.

Constantinople (TNS) - The Prince's chief concubine is reported as saying, "Well, so much for my sea side vacation."

Vienna - The Hapsburgs and England offer France peace or terms.

Rome to England - Henry, my son, when will you come and visit me? We have something to discuss, you and I.

Trier - Reports of Lutheran mercenaries pillaging the German Catholic strongholds, as reported in certain Catholic subsidized papers, are gross misrepresentations of the facts. Swiss soldiers, under the employ of unnamed German princes and accompanied by several Lutheran ministers, have set up a principality here and are preaching the new faith. All is calm and life goes on much as before, except that the Bishop is concerned about the falling attendance at Mass, especially among the younger people.

Of more concern is the ravaging of France now going on. Large armies of bloodthirsty Catholics are roaming the French countryside, laying waste to all in their path. All the world knows how ruthless an army of fanatical Catholics can be.

The new heads of the Lutheran council have ordered all of the troops of the new faith to stand their ground and make no more offensive moves. It is time to talk and bring peace to Europe. We ask the Pope to halt his senseless slaughter of Catholic against Catholic, and to renew the spirit of brotherly love among his followers.

Vox Vatican - His Holiness announced today that the Counter-Reformation has begun! A new order, the Society of Jesuits, has been established. Their purpose will be to actively return those poor souls "benighted by Rev. Moon." This reporter, however, doesn't think that much will come from another group of tract-writing monks hidden away somewhere in scholarly retreat. A spokesman for the new order arrived late today in Rome and was immediately sequestered with the Holy Father. Further developments - if any - will be reported here.

A Mighty Fortress 81 will be mailed out separately this time. Just couldn't squeeze her into 28 pages, that's all...

Somebody ought to invent an automatic space filler to churn out little things to fill two or three line spaces like this one. I bet the zine publishers would snap 'em up. I know I would.

1981 Erm22 (Woolworth Diplomacy I)

Fall 02

Ten (10!) Supply Centers Find New Masters. Scandinavia On Ropes (Check Out That German Treachery...). New Italian Leader Pillages Trieste; Invaders From South Gut Schonbrunn Palace. Spanish Army Driven From Homeland.

Austria a WAR holds; a tri-SER.
 Balkans a bud-VIE; a RUM holds; a bul-CON; f AEG s a bul-con.
 England (David Anderson): f nth*hol; f HEL-kie; f BAR s f nwg-nwy; f nwg-NWY.
 France (Fred Davis): a mar-SPA; a GAS s a mar-spa; f bel-ENG; a par-BUR.
 Germany f HOL s Scandinavian f den-nth; f kie-DEN; a MUN-kie; a swi-TYO; a bur-SWI.
 Italy (Richard Carlson; replaces Palter): a ven-TRI; a ROM holds; f TYH-tun.
 Russia a STP s Scandinavian a fin (ordered to move); f bla-SEV; f bal-BER.
 Scandinavia (Mark Luedi): f nwy*s a fin-stp; a FIN-stp; f den-NTH.
 Spain (Steven Davies-Morris): a spa*s German a swi-mar (not so ordered); f TUN holds.
 Turkey f con*bul(ec); a UKR-rum; a SMY-con; a ANK-smy.

Supply Center Chart

 Austria ~~xxx~~ ~~xxx~~ ser war (2) even
 Balkans bul gre ~~xxx~~ rum vie con (5) build 1
 England edi lon lpl ice nwy (5) build 1
 France bre mar par bel spa (5) build 1
 Germany ~~xxx~~ kie mun hol swi den (5) even
 Italy nap rom ven tri (4) build 1
 Russia mos stp ~~xxx~~ bud ber sev (5) build 2; room for 1
 Scandinavia ~~xxx~~ ~~xxx~~ swe (1) remove 2
 Spain mor por ~~xxx~~ tun (3) build 1
 Turkey ank ~~xxx~~ smy ~~xxx~~ (2) remove 2

Note that retreats may affect adjustments.

English f nth must retreat to bel, edi, lon, nwg, ska, yor, or otb.
 Scandinavian f nwy must retreat to ska, swe or otb. Spanish a spa must retreat to por or otb. Turkish f con must retreat to bla or otb.

Note that if both England and Scandinavia retreat to ska, both units will be annihilated.

See the note in the press below concerning standbys.

Deadline for Winter 02/Spring 03 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Friday, September 25, 1981. Press follows.

Hazel Park - An interesting situation has presented itself, in that normal standby calling policy is insufficient for Woolworth (what do you do when one power NMRs but not the other of that player? etc.).

My policy in Woolworth will be--and has been--to call a standby for BOTH powers if the PUBLIC power NMRs. Similarly, two consecutive PUBLIC power NMRs is grounds for replacement/CD for that position per normal houserules. (Obviously, I'll inform a standby of the proper secret power via private note, and not in the call itself.)

Berlin to Paris (equip yourself with a glass of sherry or other imbibement)
 - To prosperity, peace, honor, courage, and perpetual cooperation.

Balkans to Italy - Head West, Head West, young man. I might join you.

England to France - Thanks for the support.

Turkey to Austria - Here is our offer, as requested. Concentrate all of your efforts on solving the Balkan problem, and we will prosper together.

Berlin to Paris - Oh, and victory too.

England to Scandinavia - Sorry, I guess we can't work this problem out.

But thanks for Kiel, I think!?!?

Berlin to Madrid - Sorry, old chap; 'tis better to keep friends than make enemies. (I must practice what I preach on at least one front!) Perhaps something in the east might interest you?

Berlin to ~~Copenhagen~~...er, Oslo?, Stockholm? - As I said, everything has its price.

Turkey to Russia - The Sultan hopes that the Tsar has returned from his vacation refreshed and ready to go to work.

Paris - France will reward its friends and punish its enemies.

Berlin to London - Perhaps we should be dealing in certain commodities, i.e. supply centers.

Berlin to Paris - Personally I like "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "The Blue Danube".

1980 Icy (Youngstown IV)

AT LAST!

Fall, 1901

Austria (Keith Mercer): a TRI-ven; a RUM holds; a SER s a rum; f mon-ALB.

China (Debbie Osborne): a MAN-kor; a kan-SKG; f ton-VTM.

England (Dan Wilson): f iri-IRE; f nth-NWY; f THA(wc) holds; f eng-BEL.

France (David Anderson): a bgy-MAR; a spa-POR; f matl-MOR; f CAM holds.

Germany (John Strain): a ber-POS; a sax-BOH; f DEN holds; a ruh-HOL.

India (Glen Taylor): f eind-JAV; a BRM-tha; a AFG-ira.

Italy (Victor Ricci): f ION c a apu-pen; a apu-PEN; a PIE-ven; f dan-ETH.

Japan (Gene Prosnitz): f kyo-JAP; f echi-FOR; f spac-PHI.

Russia (Ben Zablocki): f VLA-kor; a TUR s a sev-ira; a sev-IRA; f bth-SWE; a war-UKR; f BLA-con.

Turkey (Richard Carlson): f CON holds; a BUL holds; a SYR holds; a NEJ holds.

Supply Center Chart

Austria vie tri bud clu ser rum (6) build 2

China han ctn pek skg vtm (5) build 2

England lpl lon edi joh tha ire bel nwy (8) build 4

France bre mar par sai cam mor por (7) build 3

Germany ber kie mun pos hol den (6) build 2

India clt del mdr jav brm (5) build 2

Italy ven rom nap mog eth pen (6) build 2

Japan osa kyo tok for phi (5) build 2

Russia stp mos war sev oms vla ira swe (8) build 2

Turkey ank con smy bag bul (5) build 1

Neutral kor bor egy yem cey sak man omo spa tun gre

Deadline for Winter 1901 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Friday, September 25, 1981. Press follows.

Berlin (May 1901) - Peace to peaceful neighbors!

Berlin - Telephone number is 813-995-0730. Best time 4pm-6:30 pm. Next best time 12:00 pm/am to 2:00 am. Anybody's standard time but EST gives best results. Not available Sunday, Wednesday, Friday at these times until 1:00 am.

Hazel Park - One of the original players has suggested that we abandon this restart and instead play a fresh game of Youngstown from scratch. He feels that this game is 1980 Icy in name only, if you know what I mean. I'd like a player vote on this proposal with next orders.

1980 IF THE NORTH SEA'S A NICE PLACE TO VISIT Spring, 1905
 But England Doesn't Want To Live There!

England (Dan Wilson): f nth-HEL; a EDI holds.
 France (Alan Dickinson): a BUR holds; a PIC s a bur; a PAR s a bur;
 f mid-ENG; f lpl-NAT; a yor-LPL; f LON-nth.
 Germany (Keith Mercer): a mun-TYO; a kie-MUN; a BEL holds; a HOL s a bel;
 a RUH s a kie-mun; f DEN-nth.
 Italy (John Daly): a BUD s Russian a rum; a SER s f alb-gre; f ALB-gre;
 a TRI s a ser; a tyo-VIE; f ADR s f ion; f ION s f alb-gre;
 f TUN s f ion.
 Russia (Roy Henricks): f NWY-nth; a fin-SWE; a sev-MOS; a WAR-gal;
 a RUM s Turkish a gal-bud (not so ordered).
 Turkey (Al Pearson): a BUL-ser; f AEG s f gre; f EAS-ion; f GRE s a bul;
 a GAL s Russian a rum-bud (not so ordered, cut).

Deadline for Fall 1905 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, September 26, 1981. Press follows.

Ankara - Sultan Al-Said, Sultan of All The Remaining Turks (hot damn, he got to keep Greece last year) is no longer as depressed as he was last season. Al-Said stated, "If our faithful Russian ally learns that it was my unit in Galicia he supported last season and decides to stick with us, the gravy-sucking pig of an Italian is going to get his buck-wheats sooner than he thinks." The Sultan bent back over his map and started pushing blocks around...little white ones into Budapest, little black ones into Tyrolia...and the Sultan was heard to chuckle to himself. (Was his faith in the Russian misplaced?)
 Munich to Honest Al - You'll owe me for this if it costs me, preferably in US currency.
 England to France - Stultum est timere quod vitare non potes. Putasne quemquam hoc scire? Scio! Sed, suum cuique.
 Hazel Park to Elsie's Master - Looks like all my games this month are determined to put EE to shame, huh? By the way, congratulations on your #6 in the Leader Poll...and your impending #2 in the Foreign Language Press Poll...
 England to Hazel Park - It looks like certain factions of British druids are trying to return naval power to England by magic.
 Munich to England - I'd offer you help but your predecessor ticked me off. So don't plan on being around long.
 Turkey to England - Don't tell me you are going to look for the little Hapsburg Empire of Albania. I doubt that Italy can mug you like he did that little tyke, but the French might decide to imitate the Italian. Even though my pun about a "Hapsburger with cheese" went out last month, I don't think an "Englander with cheese" is particularly funny.
 England to Germany - The wolves rave at your door, and winter draws nigh. Have you safeguards enough to ward off the trident?

1980 KW HAS THE PATTERN SHIFTED IN THE EAST? Winter, 1903
 Western Triangle Sees Slowdown Spring, 1904

England (Ron Kelly; replaces Bates): Even. f nwg-cly (no such unit)
 f edi-YOR; f LON s German f nth-eng (not so ordered); f SKA holds
 (unordered). ((NOTE: Ron wanted to retreat dislodged f nwy-nwg
 and remove f ska. This is not permitted, as my houserules required
 that f nwy disband when dislodged in an "NMR" situation.))
 France (Ned Nichols): Even. a BEL holds; a wal-LPL; f ENG s a bel;
 a BUR s f lyo-mar; f lyo-MAR; f mid-SPA(sc).
 Germany (Steve D'Alessandro): Even. f NTH holds; f hel-DEN; a MUN holds;
 a HOL holds; a den-KIE.
 Italy (Deane Sperdakos): Remove f ion. a ven-TRI; a PIE-mar; f tyh-LYO;
 f WES s f tyh-lyo.
 Russia (Steven Davies-Morris): Build f stp(nc), a mos. f swe-BAL;
 a NWY holds; a FIN s a nwy; a VIE s Italian a ven-tri; a BUD-ser;
 a RUM s a bud-ser; f sev-BLA; a mos-SEV; f stp(nc)-BAR.

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Turkey (Debbie Osborne): Build a smy, f con-AEG; f aeg-EAS; a tri-TYO;
a GRE s a ser; a SER s a alb-tri; a ALB-tri; a SMY (unordered) holds.

Deadline for Fall 1904 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, September 26, 1981. Press follows.

Hazel Park - Sorry about dividing the adjudication across the page. I try to avoid that whenever possible.

1981 Cna02 (North America: 2020)

November, 2020

Event: Card #9, Raw Material Shortage (no country may build more than 1 in December, and NO fleets or hovercraft may be built).

Canada (Steven Davies-Morris): a WPG-min; a BIL s a wpg-min; f whi-NPO;
a THU s a wpg-min; a yel-WHI; a hal-FRE; f nao-GSL; a TOR holds.

C.S.A. (Keith Mercer): f mao-NAO; a MEM holds; f EGM s Mexican f wgm-nor.

Deseret (Mike Scott): f BER-anc; f lci-NCP; a PHO s Mexican a chi-elp;
a ced-SLC; a BOI s Canadian a bil-che (not so ordered).

Mexico (David Anderson): a chi-ELP; a MTY s a chi-elp; a DUR s a mty;
f wgm-NOR.

Quebec (Debbie Osborne): a OTT-tor; a BOS holds; a MTL-ott; a BUF s a bos.

Texas (Don Swartz): a LAR-mty; a elp*s a lar-mty; a nor*holds;
f hou-WGM; h mgy-lit & lit-KAN.

U.S.A. (Greg Stewart): a DEN holds; a MIN holds; a LIN s a min; a CIN-mem;
a DES s a min; a RIC holds; a NYC holds; f WAS s a nyc;
a WSR s Quebecois a buf-tor (not so ordered); f ANC (uno) holds.

Supply Center Chart

Canada van edm wpg thu tor ~~xxx~~ hal ~~xxx~~ (6) remove 2

C.S.A. mem mia atl (3) even

Deseret slc las pho por sea (5) even

Mexico mty dur mex yuc elp nor (6) build 1 due to event

Quebec mtl-mtl que ftr ott bos (6) build 1 due to event

Texas ~~xxx~~ okl dal hou ~~xxx~~ kan (4) remove 1

U.S.A. anc det pit chi min lin den ~~xxx~~ nyc ric (9) remove 1

Texan a elp must retreat to alb or ama; Texan a nor must retreat to hou, lit, or mgy.

Deadline for December 2020/January 2021 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Friday, September 25, 1981. Press follows.

Quebecois Gazette - The Eskimos of Ungava ((sic)) continued their "Dash to Darkness" dogsled rally by combining it with the Hudson Bay Icefloe Race. The two events were unwittingly run simultaneously over the same course. The destination appears to be the North Pole. This partially explains the large number of children entered in this year's race.

Yea, Alan! -- As I write this, JIHAD subscriber Alan Dickinson of Detroit is in New Orleans accepting the award as Civil Air Patrol's National Cadet of the Year for 1981.

Al has been a member of the CAP since 1975, and is one of just 18 Michigan cadets ever to earn the grade of cadet colonel, highest in the training program. He was selected from the 23,000 cadet members of CAP for this honor based on his achievements in the program, academic accomplishments, and record of community service.

Congratulations again, Al -- and may you do half so well in Dippy.

1981 NFRENCH FIND FRIENDS
Controversy Mars ResumptionWinter, 1902
Spring, 1903

GM Note - I am in receipt of a letter from the English player announcing his intention to deliberately NMR in apparent protest of an alleged action or inaction of mine. The only problem is that this letter refers to other alleged communications which I have not seen. I responded in due course to this letter, and have held this game until the last possible second waiting for a reply. Mike hasn't responded, so I'm continuing with his expressed wishes - i.e. NMRing the position.

I'm more than a little perturbed by this provocative letter combined with total silence, but I still want this issue - whatever it is - out in the open and resolved fairly. Mike, I'll paraphrase your own letter here- "I bear you no malice, and hope you bear me none...". Let's get this thing resolved. I sincerely hope that your letter is correct in that you do not intend to NMR further, as I'd like to have you around.

On with it...

Autumn 1902...Turkey retreats a rum to gal; England (NRR) disbands f nwy.

Austria (Mark Luedi): Build a vie, a bud. a MUN s French a bur-ruh; a BOH s a mun; a vie-TRI; a BUD s a rum; a RUM holds; a SER s f gre; f GRE s Italian f ion-aeg (not so ordered).

England (Mike Crane): N.B.R., plays 1 short. N.M.R. f NTH, f ENG, a HOL all hold.

France (Larry Peery): Remove a por. f spa(sc)-MID; a BRE s a pic; a PIC s a mar-bur; a mar-BUR; a bur-RUH.

Germany (Greg Stewart): Build a ber. a BER s a ruh-mun; a ruh*mun; f bal-KIE; a SWE s Russian a nwy (it's F nwy); a BEL holds.

Italy (David Anderson): Even. f WES s French f spa(sc)-mid; a pie-VEN; a TYO s a pie-ven; f ion-ADR.

Russia (Tom Ewing): Build a war. a WAR holds; f NWY holds; a stp-FIN; a sev-ARM; a UKR holds.

Turkey (Mike Steagall): Remove a smy. f aeg-BUL(sc); f BLA s a gal-rum; a GAL-rum.

The German a ruh is annihilated.

I will not at this time call a standby for England. If Mike NMRs again, I will delay the game one month and call a standby. (This is, after all, a rather extraordinary circumstance.)

Deadline for Fall 1903 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, September 26, 1981. Press follows.

Austria to Italy - Having given you the chance to vacate Tyrolia by grace, you have unleashed my anger. Your stubbornness will only unleash bloodshed that could have been saved for better things. The Adriatic will run red because of this unleashing. Unleashingly yours, Archduke Marcus.

Vienna to Copenhagen - Perhaps the smiling man is from SRO.

Ankara to Vienna - Be careful, you never can tell what might happen.

Moscow (Reuters) - First Minister of Communications Alexander Protopan-istakostovich announced Saturday another baffling breakdown in the nation's radio-telegraphy network. For some weeks the government has only been able to send messages to the West, but unable, apparently, to receive them. In this latest breakdown, the minister reports that messages received from Ankara are "generally incoherent, rambling, and thoroughly garbled."

Belgium - The stylish couple of Schlader/Lurleen continue to have their marital problems. Schlader is longing once more for some Burgundy wine while his wife prefers Schnaps.

Copernicus Center - Revised guest list for the arrival of the newlyweds Field Marshall Schlader and Sister Lurleen: Lenny Bruce, Howard Hughes, Marshall McLuhan, Caryl Chessman, and Groucho Marx. (That's actually a trivia question in disguise.)

Ankara to Moscow - Hey! You were supposed to help a little, instead you want to throw snow balls!

Hazel Park to Greenfield - Bring on the desperate man...

Tulsa, I.T. (AP) - Relaxing at his lakeside retreat near Oologah, the Russian consul announced the formation of a Jewish regiment within the new

army organized in Warsaw province. Calling it a "final solution" to the Jewish problem, the consul noted that many of the new recruits have expressed a desire to be transferred to the Sevastopol army in hopes of eventually regaining their "homeland" for "the glory of his Majesty, the Tsar."

St. Peerigrad (Winter 1902) - Surprisingly, the Frencian government has not yet replaced the destroyed Putra-Shave billboards. Although the Government claims it will replace the billboards it seems that the high exposure of the Putra-Shave hot-air balloon sky-writing campaign and their success has scuttled the billboard campaign. Anyway, the sky-writing messages continue to cover the Empire:

The East Bank: Up the Prime,
Be a Vegetarian,
Eat Putra-Shave!

The West Bank: Wipe Out Mitterand,
Use Putra-Shave!

Peerijavo: Superman II Needs Flying Lessons,
Use Putra-Shave.

Peeriguex: Forget Baseball,
Try Putra-Shave!

Vienna Times, February 29, 1903 - Dutch entrepreneur Robey von Chenobie was found dead in his Schwartzesstrasse office this morning, the victim of multiple stab wounds to the body.

Von Chenobie most recently was the most successful investor in last month's record climb of Redbud International in the Vienna stock market; the stock almost quadrupled in value in less than four weeks.

Although no arrests have been made, Vienna police have a number of suspects under investigation, including

- Young Luke Erlang, heir to Igor Erlang and a close associate of Von Chenobie;

- Sister Lurleen, whose Putra-Shave stock lost almost 30 points during the climb;

- Field Marshall Schlader, Lurleen's husband. It seems that Von Chenobie and Lurleen once had a "fling".

Von Chenobie came to Vienna from his native Holland two years ago, and has always maintained his business strategies in cloaked secrecy. He is suspected of trading state secrets, but no one has ever been able to put a finger on him. Being a bachelor, he has no survivors.

Von Chenobie will be buried next Tuesday following services in Vienna's Martzen Cathedral.

Avignon - Accompanied by members of the Imperial Court of Frenciana, Her Holiness Pope Joan XI today returned to the traditional seat of the Papacy in Avignon. Briefly seized by German invaders last year, the Germans were driven from Burgundy and Avignon by Frencian forces last Spring. Greeted by joyful crowds the Pope immediately moved to solidify her position as the one head of the true Church. First, at the request of the Empress, Sister Lurleen Maria Peericelli, the Pope annulled last Spring's marriage to German Field Marshal Schlader. Although official documents only referred to Schlader's inability to perform husbandly duties, it is rumored that reasons of state prompted the abrupt termination of the Imperial marriage. Second, the Pope placed a Papal Interdict upon the populations of Germany and England in an effort to deprive their depraved rulers of popular support. Finally, the Pope announced a new miracle attributed to St. Lorenzo de Peericelli.

St. Peerigrad - In yet another ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Lorenzo de Peericelli, the Empress Lurleen Maria Peericelli took as her consort the Mongolian super-stud Yum-yum no-nuts. Dollie Parsons was matron of honor, Roman Manopotti was best man, and Cosimo Peericelli gave away the bride. Immediately following the ceremony, the Imperial pair disappeared into the Palace, promising to again appear by Christmas.

1979 HW

THORNSEN GOES FOR BROKE

Fall, 1907

Austria (Tom Thorsen): a UKR-mos; a arm-SEV; a bul-RUM; f SMY s f con;
f CON holds; a bud-GAL; a boh-SIL; a tyo-BOH; a ven-TYO; f nap-TYH;
a PIE s Italian a mar; f TUN s f nap-tyh.

England (Dan Palter): f edi*nth.

France (Keith Mercer): f WES-tyh; a SPA-mar; a yor-LON; a WAL s a yor-lon.

Germany (Kevin Mooney): a mos-WAR; a STP-mos; a bur-MUN; a KIE s a bur-mun;
a GAS-spa; a pic-BUR; a PAR s a pic-bur; f eng-MID; a bel-EDI;
f NTH c a bel-edi; f NWG s a bel-edi; a NWY-stp; f HOL (uno) holds.

Italy (Mike Steagall): a MAR holds "the party still goes on until some-
one crashes it".

Turkey (Steve D'Alessandro): N.M.R. a ANK, f BLA both hold.

Supply Center Chart

Austria tri vie ser gre ven bud rum bul rom sev nap con smv tun (14)
build 2

England ~~edi~~ (0) OUT

France spa por lon ~~lpl~~ (4) even

Germany ber mun hol den swe war kie bel par mos bre stp nwy edi (14)
build 1

Italy mar (1) even

Turkey ank ~~ank~~ (1) remove 1

The English retreat is immaterial.

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Saturday, September 26, 1981. Press follows.

Edinburgh - As per increasingly usual my moves get eaten in the mail.

Hazel Park - Not in this game, any more...

France to Germany - Are there any chances I could persuade you to move the
hell out of my homeland? Move east, please, move east.

Contest Corner takes a second month of vacation, while preparing for a
MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT in October...

Looking Ahead

Notice that I've changed the heading from "Looking at Next Month" -
that's because "next month" was fiction more often than not.

What's coming in the near future, you ask?

- The Second Annual "Freshman Class" (Class of '81) Poll
- A new printing of my very first "Dipvariant" (of local interest to
Detroitters and suburban Detroitters)
- The long-awaited second article on Mercator
- A resurrection of game reviews - probably "capsuled"
- Contest Corner's "major announcement"

Well, I have to have SOMETHING to replace all those game openings
that don't exist anymore... Also, this is a Top Ten (big whoopee) zine
now. I have a reputation to ~~up~~ uphold.

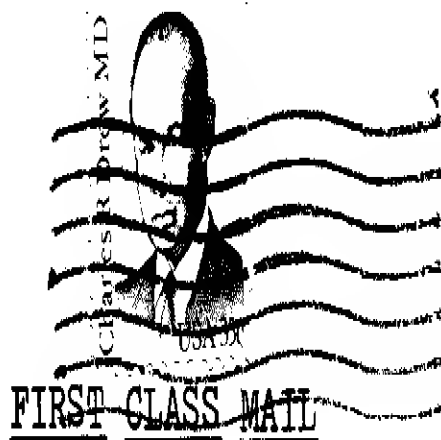
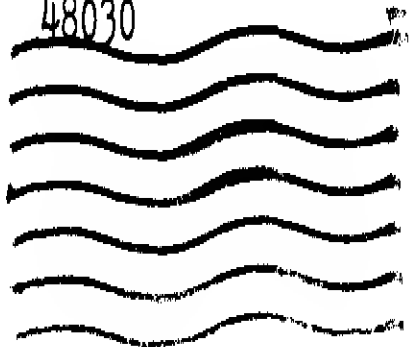
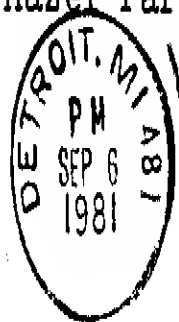
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it all. See you next time...



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